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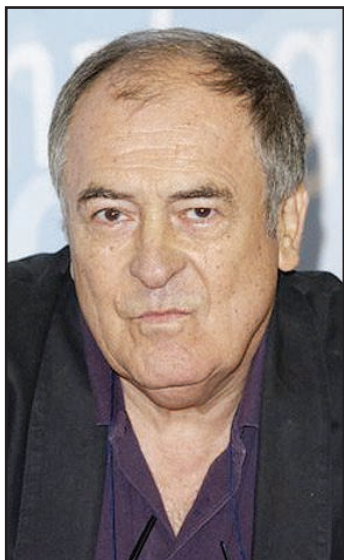
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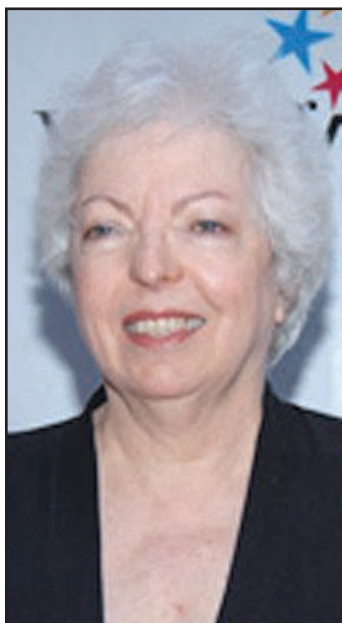
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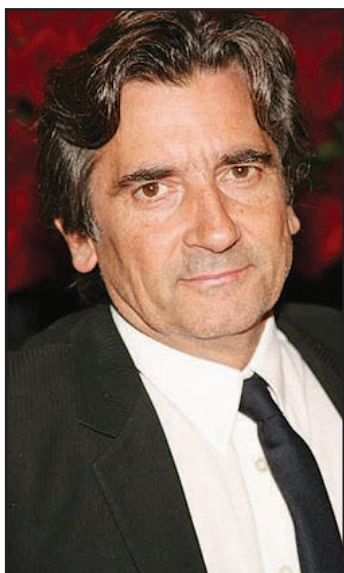
Only a few short weeks to blastoff! Counting down the days to the first Aruba International Film Festival



Bernardo Bertolucci



Thelma Schoonmaker



Griffin Dunne

AIFF revealed some major surprises and celebrities who will soon grace the red carpet during premieres at The Cinemas and turn Paseo Herencia in Palm Beach into a hub of glitter and glamour beginning on June 4. Richard Gere, official host of the festival, will be present for the opening night bash and screening of his heart-warming film for all ages, "Hachiko: A Dog's Story."



Patricia Clarkson

The festival will also honor film industry icon Bernardo Bertolucci, who will be present to receive the first Golden Aruba Lifetime Achievement Award. Bertolucci is best known for the groundbreaking "Last Tango in Paris," starring Marlon Brando, and "The Last Emperor," an epic film that won all nine Academy Awards for which it was nominated in 1987, including Best Picture,

Best Director, Best Writing and Best Cinematography.

One of the most interesting aspects of the AIFF will be the daily dialogs conducted in The Cinemas every day from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., beginning on Saturday, June 5 with Richard Gere and world famous director Guillermo Arriaga. The Mexican director and producer is well known not only for his Spanish language films, but his screenwriting of major motion pictures such as "The Burning Plain," starring Charlize Theron, which will be screened during the AIFF, "Babel," and "21 Grams," starring Naomi Watts, Sean Penn and Benicio del Toro.

Aruba will also welcome popular actors Griffin Dunne and Patricia Clarkson, who will participate in the daily dialog sessions. Film enthusiasts may remember Dunne best as the ghostly friend of an "American Werewolf in London," who comes back to haunt the main character and as harried Paul Hackett in "After Hours;" he has over 40 film and TV appearances on his resume. He won accolades for his work behind the camera in 1995 when nominated for an Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film for "Duke of Groove," which he directed and co-wrote.

Patricia Clarkson is one of the most admired and sought after character actresses in Hollywood and on the stage. She twice took home an Emmy award for Best Actress for her recurring role in the HBO series "Six Feet Under." She is the recipient of several critics' awards including Best Supporting Actress from the National Society of Film Critics for her turn as Katie Holmes

mother in "Pieces of April," for which she garnered nine awards and Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations. She is a familiar face on television and the movie screen, appearing in such blockbusters as "Good Night and Good Luck," and most recently, "Shutter Island." She will tread the red carpet for the premier of "Cairo Time" in which she stars with Alexander Siddig. Mr. Dunne and Ms. Clarkson will occupy the "In Conversation With" hot seat

on Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8.

Festival attendees can also enjoy a lively exchange with Thelma Schoonmaker on Sunday, June 6. Thelma is Martin Scorsese's favorite film editor since his famous "Raging Bull," which won her an Academy Award for Best Film Editing. Thelma has received six Oscar nominations and won three times; her other winning films being "The Aviator" and "The Departed."

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Bangkok counts its losses after downtown rioting

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A turquoise sash on a wedding dress was the only streak of color visible in the blackened and charred shops housed inside a giant movie theater complex in downtown Bangkok. Acrid smoke rose past the cinema's large mural of the masks of comedy and tragedy.

Peace was largely restored in the city yesterday, a day after a military crackdown on anti-government protesters triggered rioting in which 39 buildings

Yesterday was a day for counting what was lost in the mayhem — and what it will take to rebuild and return that special buzz that made Bangkok one of Southeast Asia's favored destinations for shoppers, tourists and business travelers.

Officials at Center One, another gutted mall of 300 shops, estimated damage of at least 1 billion baht (about \$31 million) and said 1,000 people were unemployed.

Fire damaged the first floor of the Stock Exchange of Thai-

land, and the damage to municipal public property was estimated at 100 million baht (about \$3 million).

Perhaps Wednesday's biggest property loss was the destruction of CentralWorld, one of Southeast Asia's largest shopping malls.

The military assault followed six days of clashes between troops and protesters that left 39 people dead. The Red Shirt demonstrators had built a barricaded encampment on some of Bangkok's most fashionable streets, shutting off access to malls, offices, theaters and luxury hotels like the Four Seasons and the Hyatt for weeks. The army smashed the camp, a 1-square-mile area that at one time held as many as 20,000 people.

Sporadic violence continued yesterday. A branch of Siam City Bank was set afire and a firefighter was shot and wounded while trying to douse the flames at a shopping center.

The protest leaders surrendered over the past two days,

and their supporters — mostly poor rural Thais who felt the current government was illegitimate and had forgotten them — were taken by buses to their villages.

Many downtown streets remained closed as soldiers searched the debris- and garbage-filled camp for weapons left behind, and they found a cache of explosives and assault rifles.

Taylor prosecutors want Naomi Campbell to testify

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands — Prosecutors trying former Liberian president Charles Taylor for war crimes at a U.N.-backed court asked judges yesterday to subpoena supermodel Naomi Campbell to testify about being given uncut diamonds by Taylor.

Special Court for Sierra Leone Prosecutor Brenda Hollis filed a motion saying Taylor allegedly gave Campbell diamonds at a reception in South Africa in September 1997. Taylor denies prosecutors' allegations that he provided arms and ammunition to brutal rebels during Sierra Leone's civil war in exchange for so-called blood diamonds.

Campbell's testimony would provide "direct evidence of the accused's possession of rough diamonds from a witness unrelated to the Liberian or Sierra Leone conflicts," Hollis said in the motion.

She adds that Taylor "denied ever having possessed rough diamonds and the evidence clearly contradicts his testimony on this central issue."

The motion said Campbell told prosecutors through her lawyer that she was "concerned for her safety" and "did not want to involve herself in the case."

BP concedes Gulf oil spill is bigger than estimate

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AP) — BP conceded yesterday that more oil than it estimated is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico as heavy crude washed into Louisiana's wetlands for the first time, feeding worries and uncertainty about the massive monthlong spill.

Mark Proegler, spokesman for oil giant BP PLC, said that a mile-long tube inserted into a leaking pipe over the weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons a day — the total amount the company and the Coast Guard have estimated is gushing into the sea — but some is still escaping. He would not say how much.

Several professors who have watched video of the leak have said they believe the amount spewing out is much higher than official estimates.

Proegler said the 210,000 gallons — 5,000 barrels — has always been just an estimate because there is no way to measure how much is spilling from the seafloor.

"I would encourage people to take a look at the changing amount of oil coming from the ocean floor," said Steve Rinehart, another BP spokesman. "It's pretty clear that now that we are taking 5,000 barrels of oil a day, there's a significant change in the flow reaching the sea."

A live video feed of the leak posted online yesterday at the insistence of lawmakers shows what appears to be a large plume of oil and gas still spewing next to the tube that's carrying some of it to the surface. The House committee website where it was posted promptly crashed because so many peo-

ple were trying to view it.

"What you see are real-time images of a real-world disaster unfolding 5,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf," said U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass. "These videos stand as a scalding, blistering indictment of BP's inattention to the scope and size of the greatest environmental catastrophe in the history of the United States."

The well blew out after an explosion a month ago on the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon that killed 11 people. At least 6 million gallons have spilled so far, making it the worst U.S. environmental disaster in decades. The Exxon Valdez tanker spilled 11 million gallons in Alaska in 1989.

Small amounts of light oil have washed up in delicate coastal areas of Louisiana over the past several weeks, but nothing like the brown ooze from the spill that started coating marsh grasses and hanging in the shallow water of a wetland Wednesday.

Officials in Florida sought to reassure tourists that the state's beaches are clean and safe as government scientists said a small portion of the slick had entered the so-called loop current, a stream of fast-moving water that circulates around the Gulf before bending around Florida and up the Atlantic coast.

The slick itself has defied scientists' efforts to track it and predict its path. Instead, it has repeatedly advanced and retreated, an ominous, shape-shifting mass in the Gulf, with vast underwater lobes extending outward.

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CBA with survey: "Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa" - Money in our Pocket and Our Finances

ORANJESTAD -- During the period of May 24 through June 21, 2010 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will be conducting the survey "Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa" - Money in our Pocket and Our Finances

With this survey, the CBA intends to produce valuable information on the financial position of households on Aruba, for which currently very little information is available. Information that will be asked regards household income, the borrowing and savings behavior, the ability to pay monthly bills, and financial knowledge of households.

The collected data will help identify potential problem areas and vulnerable groups within the Aruban community, which will contribute towards a more effective policy formulation and implementation with respect to the financial position of households. Moreover, the information will assist the CBA in analyzing economic development in Aruba.

During this period the CBA

will send a group of 20 interviewers to visit 1,400 Aruban households and gather this important data. These visits will most likely take place during evening hours and weekends. The interviewers will carry an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that they are working on behalf of the CBA. Respondents are free to contact the CBA if they have additional questions.

The CBA realizes that a large part of the information requested is of a very sensitive nature, and therefore, stresses that all received information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and only used in an aggregated form for statistical purposes. The main results of the survey will be published by the CBA in the fourth quarter of 2010. Because of the importance of the data, the CBA hopes that Aruban households will fully cooperate with this survey.

For further information, please contact Mr. Giantcarlo Croes (project leader) at tel. 5252162 or via e-mail g.g.croes@cbaruba.org.

Service car handed over to the police force



Yesterday morning Garage Cordia handed over a service car to the Department of Arms and Munitions of the Police Force.

Minister of Justice Mr. Arthur Dowers received the keys of the car and handed it over to Lieutenant Chief of Police Mr. Adolpho Richardson, who in his turn gave it to Chief of the Department of Arms and Munitions, Mr. H. Heyliger.

Present at the handing over ceremony was owner of Garage Cordia, Mr. Hans Schnogg, Minister Arthur Dowers, Mr. Adolpho



Richardson, Garage Cordia representatives, the police force, Ministry of Justice and members of the press.

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Schoonmaker proved herself a worthy female member of what has been traditionally a "Hollywood boy's club" by earning her first Oscar nomination for editing the Woodstock documentary and contributing an arresting and innovative editing style to feature documentary films. Thelma is also to be honored with a Golden Aruba for her achievements, particularly appropriate as she was raised on Aruba until the age of 15 after her father came to work at the refinery following the breakout of war in Algeria, where she was born.

Among the on-screen talent who have confirmed their at-

tendance is the three stars of "3 Idiots," India's all-time box office champion. The presence of Sharman Joshi, Madhavan, Boman Irani will set hearts aflutter as they walk the red carpet with the film's director, Rajkumar Hirani, for its Latin American premiere. Islanders will be thrilled by the premiere of "Venezia" on Saturday, June 5 with popular Latin megastars Ruddy Rodriguez and Alfonso Herrera attending.

World premiers during the festival will include "Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang," starring Emma Thompson, "Black Death," starring Sean Bean and the Dutch ensemble

story "Amsterdam."

The multicultural nature of the festival will feature numerous Latin American and international feature films. A full line up of premieres and attending celebrities can be found on their website, www.arubafilmfest.com. Tickets for the daily screenings are only \$7 and available at the AIFF center in the Paseo Herencia Mall; price to share the screening room with guest celebrities during the premieres are \$14, as is attendance at the celebrity dialogs.

More for information about the various parties and peripheral events visit their website.



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Beatrice and Richard Reaulty, and Cathi and Frank Librandi honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba



Recently, Beatrice and Richard Reaulty from Massachusetts, and Cathi and Frank Librandi from New Jersey, were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honor was bestowed on them for their more than 10 consecutive years visiting our island and their second home, the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

They say they love our island for its friendly people, good restaurants, beautiful beaches exciting casino gambling, and golf. During their many visits here they made friendship with a lot of people. They consider Aruba and all

the other guest at the resort as family with which they have a date every year, and like to walk around the pool to meet more people. They recommend all their friends to come here as Aruba is the ideal place for vacationing. Aruba Tourism Authority liaison Amayra Boekhoudt handed them beautiful certificates thanking them for their love for Aruba. They, in return, express to be very pleased and thankful for the honoring.

Photo shows the happy couples proudly showing off their Distinguished Visitors of Aruba certificates.

Back Then



Lago Oil & Transport Company



In the 1920's, a major refinery was built on the southeast shore outside of the quiet village of San Nicolas. Fishing and growing one's food were part of the quiet life; going to the empty beaches a pleasurable way to spend time. Walking and riding donkeys were the transportation options. (Later on, after the donkeys were replaced by cars and trucks and left to survive in the wild, it became "a test of manhood" for young male teenagers to catch a donkey and ride it as long as he could before being seriously bounced off.)

The small population of Aruba could not supply the needed manpower; workers from "outside" were imported.

There were the "foreigners" - Americans and Canadians trained in refinery work at executive and supervisory levels.

Then came the "strangers" - from so-called English-speaking Caribbean islands such as Trinidad and Tobago and Grenada. The "locals" were a melange of Indians and non-Indians from the South American mainland, Dutch immigrants, Portuguese who had originally settled in Curaçao, Chinese (historically China's main export has been its population), Indonesians and assorted others. Mostly, they spoke Dutch, Spanish and Papiamentu.

It was claimed that since the Aruban didn't speak English the refinery brought in the "strangers." According to all true and factual sources, "5 minutes later the Arubans spoke English!" Some chose the English of the Americans and Canadians; others chose the Caribbean version which came to be known as Village English and some spoke both. Village English is mightily colorful and erratically ungrammatical and still spoken today.



Mainstreet San Nicolas back then

According to research done by the author J.L. Dillard for his tome "Black English" (Random House, 1972), the language developed from the early slave trade with words from the maritime Portuguese and with "strong elements" of African from different parts of the continent in order for the slaves to communicate plus "bits of pidgin Chinese."

The Brits that controlled the English islands added the rest. "Hey, man" is not jazz slang.

It's originally from the Scottish settlers "Hey, mon".

The executives lived in large homes within walled confines of what became known as The Colony in the area named Lago Heights named for the refinery, Lago Oil and Transport Company, high above the sea with beaches below. The working class lived in small wooden houses within the village of San Nicolas outside the refinery gates; hence Village English.

The generations growing up in and around the refinery had the advantages of playing with and getting to know "refinery



Colorado Beach, with Santa Ana Mountain, Venezuela, in background

kids" along with the new kids from the up islands. Long before diversity became a "now" word, it was alive and well and living in San Nicolas.

And then came the boom: bars and restaurants sprung up like wild flowers after a heavy rain; clothing stores and grocery stores joined in the economic splurge. Other services settled in to handle the needs of tanker crews that steadily were sight day and night. West Indian music joined the Latin American traditionals.

The first Carnival (not yet carnival) parade was in St. Nicolas based on the already established Trinidad event; plans were made for it in a Chinese pool hall and the melting pot continued to bubble and brew.

AIDS Candlelight Memorial 2010 commemorated



On Saturday, May 16, the churches on Aruba commemorated the 27th anniversary of the AIDS Candlelight Memorial. It was a day for reflection on the problem of AIDS and to show compassion and support

for those infected with this illness and their families.

During the commemoration, the preachers took the opportunity to bring forward the importance for everyone to be conscious of the consequences of the disease HIV/AIDS for themselves, their family and the whole Aruban community.

The ceremonies at the different churches were varied. Mostly candles were lighted, which is part of the worldwide commemoration. Prayers were said for all AIDS patients and their family.

At the Immaculada Church in Santa Cruz, the afternoon mass was dedicated completely to the commemoration and was led by Pastor Rey and Mrs. Dora Koolman.

Also at three Methodist churches the whole service was dedicated to the AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

The Women's Club of Aruba would like to thank the pastors of all churches and all volunteers for making this day a memorable one. A heartfelt 'thank you goes' also to the press for their tremendous co-operation in helping making people aware of the dangers of HIV/AIDS.

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Nations pledge crackdown on online alcohol ads

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — Countries around the world are pledging to get tough with companies that market beer and liquor on social media networks such as Facebook, warning that such promotions threaten to entice a new generation into harmful drinking patterns.

The crackdown is part of a strategy endorsed yesterday by the World Health Organization's 193 members, breaking decades of global inaction on one of the leading causes of death. It also puts national governments on a collision course with an industry wary of new taxes and advertising controls.

Brewers and liquor manufacturers have trumpeted their brands online, and their sites on Facebook are booming. Heineken counts 400,000 peo-

ple who "like" its beer, while vodka maker Absolut and alcopop brand Smirnoff Ice are nearing a half-million each.

But the Global Alcohol Producers Group — representing Heineken, Diageo, Anheuser-Busch InBev and others — called WHO's strategy an "important and constructive step forward in helping address alcohol issues around the world."

Spokeswoman Carol Clark said the group wanted to work with WHO to reduce alcohol abuse, and voiced support for minimum age requirements, drunk driving laws and other optional measures suggested in WHO's report.

In the 24-page report, WHO warned that alcohol was being "marketed through increasingly sophisticated advertising and promotion techniques." Sports,

concerts and sponsorships are being joined by e-mails, texts, podcasting and social media to reach consumers, some of them underage.

Online sites have been used by European youths organizing massive binge drinking festivals that are being increasingly scrutinized by authorities. Last week, a 21-year-old man died in France after an accident at an alcohol-drenched party organized on Facebook attended by 10,000 young revelers.

The nonbinding resolution comes less than a month before soccer's World Cup in South Africa, which is expected to be watched by over a billion people. Anheuser-Busch InBev is a sponsor and its brand Budweiser will grace the trophy for each match's best player.

Science/Tech.

Mars rover surpasses Viking 1's longevity record

LOS ANGELES — Pop quiz: What spacecraft holds the record for longest-surviving mission on the bitterly cold and dusty surface of Mars?

As of Thursday, there's a new — but possibly temporary — champion.

For decades, the NASA Viking 1 lander held the title after toiling away six years and 116 days on the red planet. But Opportunity, one of the twin rovers that landed in 2004, has surpassed that record and shows no signs of stopping.

Unlike Viking 1, which conducted science experiments in one spot, the six-wheel, solar-powered Opportunity has been on the go, driving into craters and peering at rocks along the way.

Designed to last three months, the golf cart-size rover has logged more than 12 miles on its odometer and is inching toward the largest impact crater yet — a journey

that is expected to take several years.

With winter under way in the southern hemisphere, Opportunity has had to alternate between driving and resting to recharge its battery and stay warm.

"The expectation is that Opportunity will keep on going and going and going," said project manager John Callas of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Since parachuting to the surface, Opportunity has survived dust storms and bone-chilling winters.

Washington University researcher Ray Arvidson, who worked on the Viking and twin-rover missions, is in awe of Opportunity's feat.

"I didn't think I'd see this in my lifetime," Arvidson said.

Opportunity's record might be contested come Martian spring. Spirit, its twin, landed 21 days before

Opportunity and may have eclipsed Viking 1's record on April 29. But NASA doesn't know if the silent, sand-trapped rover is still alive.

Spirit last communicated with Earth in late March and is presumed to be in a hibernation state because the sun is too low in the winter sky for the rover's solar panels to gather energy. Scientists have to wait until spring to see if Spirit sends back a signal, indicating it didn't freeze to death.

"I'm confident that Spirit is alive and well, but I think that verification that she holds the record will have to wait," said rover chief scientist Steve Squyres of Cornell University.

The record is measured in Earth time. A Martian year is equivalent to 687 Earth days, or nearly two Earth years. A Martian day lasts 24 hours and 39 1/2 minutes.

The twin Viking spacecraft landed on Mars in 1976, but both rovers passed Viking 2's mark long ago. Viking 2 operated on the surface for 3 years and 221 days. It was turned off in 1980 after its batteries died.

What finally did Viking 1 in? Alas, human error. The lander was accidentally shut down in 1982 and never regained contact.

Buried terracotta warriors



A picture taken shows the buried terracotta warriors in the northern Chinese city of Xian. The archeological team behind China's terracotta warriors was Wednesday awarded Spain's prestigious Prince of Asturias prize for scientific and technical research.

Star Devours Hottest Known Alien Planet

The hottest known planet in our galaxy is being stretched into the shape of a football and rapidly consumed by its parent star, new observations from the Hubble Space Telescope show.

The extrasolar planet on the cosmic menu, called WASP-12b, may only have another 10 million years left before it is completely devoured, Hubble scientists announced Thursday.

WASP-12b is so close to its sun-like star that it is superheated to nearly 2,800 degrees Fahrenheit and stretched into an elongated shape by enormous tidal forces.

Because of those phenomenal forces, the planet's atmosphere has ballooned to nearly three times Jupiter's radius and is pouring material onto its parent star. WASP-12b is 40 percent more massive than Jupiter.

This effect of matter exchange between two stellar objects is commonly seen in close binary star systems, but this is the first time it has been seen so clearly for a planet. The system was observed with the new Cosmic Origins Spectrograph (COS) instrument on Hubble.

"We see a huge cloud of

material around the planet which is escaping and will be captured by the star. We have identified chemical elements never before seen on planets outside our own solar system," said team leader Carole Haswell of The Open University in the United Kingdom.

The distortion of the planet by the star's gravity was first predicted in a paper published in February in the journal Nature by Shu-lin Li of Peking University in Beijing. That work predicted that the gravitational tidal forces working on the planet would make its interior so hot that it greatly expands the planet's outer atmosphere.

Now Hubble has confirmed this prediction.

The planet's parent star, WASP-12, is a yellow dwarf star located approximately 600 light-years away in the winter constellation Auriga. The exoplanet it is slowly destroying was discovered by the United Kingdom's Wide Area Search for Planets (WASP) in 2008.

The unprecedented ultraviolet (UV) sensitivity of COS enabled measurements of the dimming of the parent star's light as the planet passed in front of the star.

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Animal's Scary Snort is Blatant Lie Aimed at Getting Sex



What do you do if you want more sex but your partner is about to leave? How about scaring her.

The male topi antelope keeps his mate around by snorting deceptively, a pretense that makes her think leaving him will bring her face-to-face with danger, scientists now reveal.

"It's like the folk tale, only the male topi cries 'Lion!' rather than 'Wolf!'" explained researcher Jakob Bro-Jørgensen, a behavioral ecologist at the University of Liverpool in England.

Bro-Jørgensen and behavioral ecologist Wiline Pangle at Michigan State University have been studying the topi (*Damaliscus lunatus*) in Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve since 1998. When spying a lion, cheetah, leopard or other predator, both male and female topi typically give off a snort and gaze at the carnivore with ears pricked. This usually discourages stalkers from approaching close enough to launch a successful attack, as they are unable to outrun the antelopes over longer distances.

"A topi alarm snort might have saved me once by alerting me to two lionesses who had sneaked right up to my open car window while I was absorbed in observing the topi," Bro-Jørgensen recalled.

Each mature female is usually only sexually receptive for one day every year

some time during the month-and-a-half-long mating season. On the day of ovulation, on average these females visit 10 male territories and have sex 11 times.

The researchers found that when a female who is in heat gets ready to leave a male's territory, the male often makes a false alarm call while looking intently where the female is headed at an imaginary predator in the distance. Rather than risking any danger ahead, the female typically lingers a while longer, giving the male more chances at sex.

"The lie is so blatant that it is quite amusing," Bro-Jørgensen said.

Deceptive males typically copulated about another three times in the stint between snorting deceptively and the eventual departure of the females. In 10 percent of visits with false snorts, the male succeeded in mating only after he had begun snorting.

When playing back both true and false alarms from loudspeakers mounted on car windows and hidden from the antelopes, the researchers found that female topi were unable to distinguish between the two calls. In both cases, the females looked around for a predator and took a few steps back.

"In fact, males quite frequently pull the trick on females in heat and one may ask why females keep responding to alarms at all," Bro-Jørgensen said. "The answer seems to be that females are better off erring on the side of caution, because failing to react to a true alarm could easily mean death in a place like the Masai Mara, where it's literally crawling with large predators."

Although this kind of sexual deception might seem familiar to humans - say, when a man points out something spooky to get her to hold on more tightly - it has never been documented in other animals before, the researchers said.

HEALTH & LIVING

Study challenges notion that moderate drinking protects the heart

A major French study links moderate drinking to a lower risk for cardiovascular disease, but challenges the notion that moderate drinking gets the credit.

Instead, the researchers say, people who drink moderately tend to have a higher social status, exercise more, suffer less depression and enjoy superior health overall compared to heavy drinkers and lifetime abstainers.

"A causal relationship between cardiovascular risk and moderate drinking is not at all established" by the study, which looked at the health status and drinking habits of 149,773 French adults, said



Dr. Boris Hansel, an endocrinologist at the Hopital de la Pitie in Paris who specializes in cardiovascular prevention. He is the lead author of a report on the study in the Euro-

pean Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Men and women who reported their alcohol intake as low or moderate did have a more favorable health status

than those who said they never drank and those who reported high alcohol intake. Men who drank moderately were more likely to have a lower body-mass index, lower fasting triglycerides and blood glucose, lower blood pressure, and other factors associated with a lower risk of heart disease, while their female counterparts had smaller waists, lower blood pressure, lower fasting triglycerides, and lower "bad" LDL cholesterol levels.

And the study found a "strong and constant" link between moderate drinking in both sexes and high levels of HDL cholesterol, the "good" kind that helps keep arteries clear of fat.

But data on the overall lifestyle of people in the study indicate that "there is no link between the increased level of HDL cholesterol and reduced cardiovascular risk," Hansel noted.

"The relationship between moderate drinking and lower cardiovascular risk is due to confounding factors," he said. "That is because moderate drinking is in large part a matter of higher social status. Social status, a lower level of depression and a higher level of physical activity probably explains the relationship between alcohol and lower cardiovascular risk."

The study is the most recent in a long series that have found lower rates of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular problems in moderate drinkers, as compared to teetotalers and heavy drinkers. Hansel's analysis of the newly reported study, however, challenges the conventional interpretation that moderate drinking is good for the heart.

The American Heart Association's cautious recommendation is that "if you drink, do so in moderation." That means no more than two drinks a day for a man, one drink a day for a woman, with a drink defined as 12 ounces of beer, 4 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of 100-proof spirits.

Two U.S. experts disagreed on the interpretations of the French study.

The study does not prove that alcohol itself provides no benefit, said Dr. Arthur

Klatsky, a senior consultant in cardiology at the Kaiser Permanente Health program in Oakland, Calif.

"This is yet another study which shows that moderate drinkers have a better health profile," Klatsky said. "We don't have randomized controlled trials, so that always leaves open the possibility that cofounders might be responsible for the cardiovascular benefits."

The health benefits of high HDL cholesterol levels are clearly established, and explain about half the benefits seen in other studies, Klatsky said. Those studies have consistently shown a cardiovascular benefit for moderate drinking in a number of different population groups, he said.

"That is a fairly compelling case that I don't think is destroyed by this kind of evidence," Klatsky said.

Indeed, the French researchers only note that a causal link has not been proven. "Our results cannot eliminate the cardioprotective effects of alcohol," they wrote in their conclusion.

But Carla A. Green, a senior investigator at the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research in Portland, Ore., said, "There is increasing evidence that a lot of the health benefits that have been attributed to alcohol consumption are due to healthy habits that also include moderate alcohol consumption."

There might be some beneficial effect of alcohol itself, but "based on research to date, it has a much smaller effect than has been thought in the past," Green said.

She cited a recent study she led on alcohol consumption, health status and use of health services. "Heavy drinkers appear to avoid going to doctors," Green said. "The reasons include shame and not wanting to be lectured. So heavy drinkers are not going to get the health care they need and will get sicker."

But neither Green and Klatsky saw a need to change existing recommendations on moderate alcohol consumption. "I see no reason to change the general recommendations about what is sensible drinking," Klatsky said.

More Steps a Day Lead to Better Health



Study suggests walking may help prevent metabolic syndrome

Walk a little, and your body will thank you. Walk a lot, and it will really thank you.

That's the message of a new study that links taking more steps in a day to a lower risk of an extremely common condition known as metabolic syndrome, which can lead to heart disease and diabetes.

The research only shows a connection between more walking and better health -- it doesn't prove that simply walking more will make you healthier. Still, the findings suggest that "you don't have to be out there running marathons," said study co-author Peter T. Katzmarzyk, a professor at Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, La.

Instead, "you just have to incorporate physical activity such as walking into your lifestyle," he said.

The study, published in the May issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, examined the effects of exercise on metabolic syn-

drome, which is estimated to affect more than a third of adults in the United States.

People with metabolic syndrome have at least some of the risk factors for heart disease and diabetes -- excess weight in the abdomen, elevated blood pressure, low levels of good cholesterol, high triglyceride (blood fat) levels, insulin resistance or elevated blood glucose levels.

The condition serves as a sort of early warning system, Katzmarzyk said. "If you have two, three or four risk factors, you may have a much higher risk of developing full-blown cardiovascular disease than someone who doesn't," he said.

Many people with excess weight have metabolic syndrome, but people of normal weight can develop it too, he said.

The study authors examined a 2005-2006 study that tracked 1446 adults (with an average age of 47.5) as they went about their days. The participants wore high-quality pedometers (known as accelerometers) that allowed researchers to accurately

count the number of steps they took each day and sort them into three groups: "sedentary" (those who took fewer than 5000 steps a day), "low-to-somewhat-active" (5000 to 9999 steps a day), and "active-to-highly active" (10,000 or more steps a day).

After adjusting their statistics so they wouldn't be thrown off by factors like gender and age, the researchers found that almost 56 percent of those who took the least steps had metabolic syndrome, but just 13 percent of those who took the most steps had it. Overall, about a third had metabolic syndrome.

But even adults who were only somewhat active had a better chance of avoiding the syndrome than those who walked the least. Compared to the sedentary group, people in the "low-to-somewhat-active" group had 40 percent lower odds of developing the condition. People in the "active-to-highly active" had a full 72 percent lower odds of developing it.

In addition, each additional 1,000 steps was associated with an 8-13 percent decrease in the odds of a large waist, in a low level of "good" HDL cholesterol, and in high levels of triglycerides.

Those who walked the most were least likely to have risk factors, Katzmarzyk said.

"There was a trend all the way," he said. "It's not that you reach some magical number. Something is better than nothing, and something more than that is even better."



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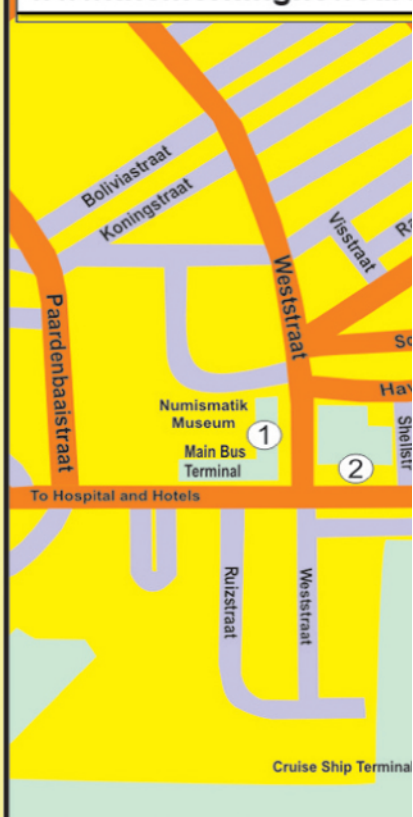
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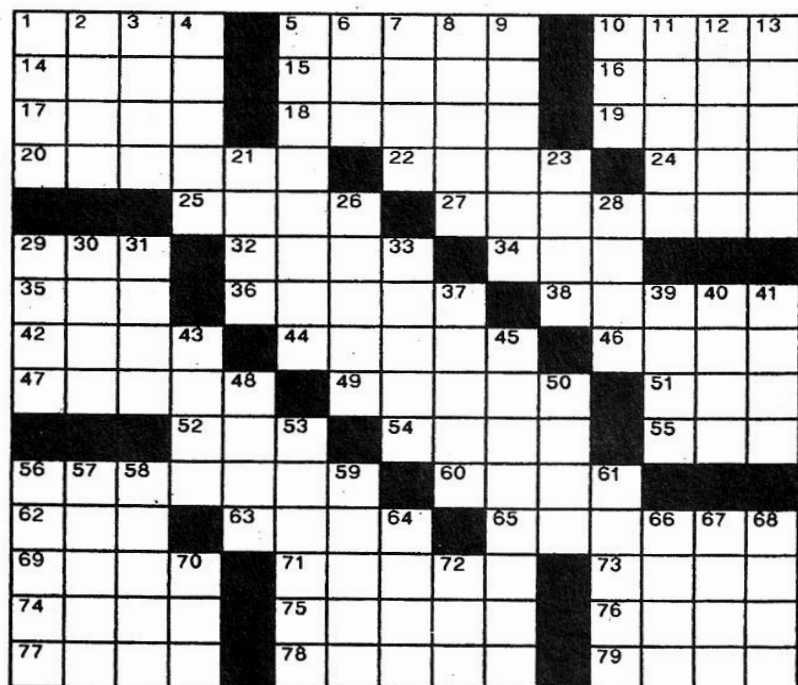
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33. Highland dances
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57. Segment
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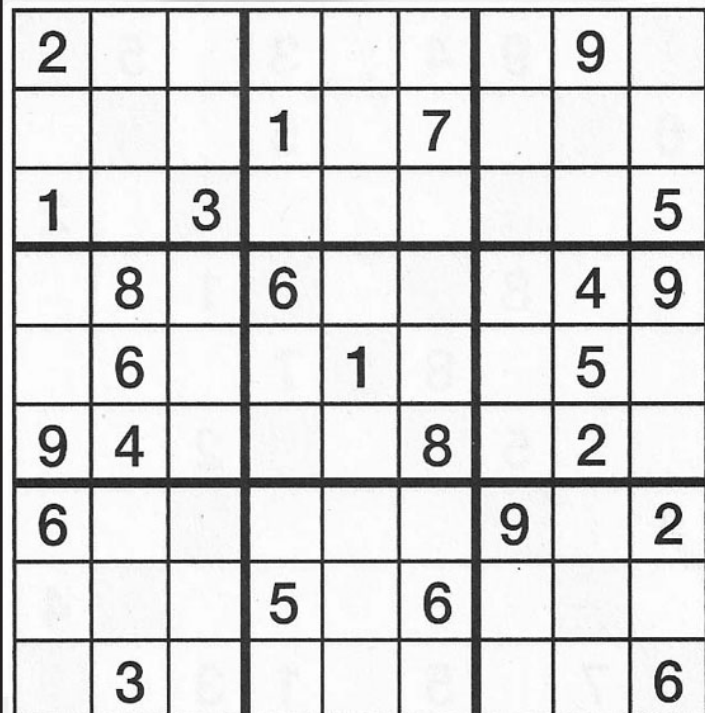
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More banks are troubled even as industry recovers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of troubled banks kept growing last quarter even as the industry as a whole had its best quarter in two years.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Thursday that the number of banks on its confidential "problem" list grew to 775 from 702 in the January-March period. But banks overall posted net income of \$18 billion. That was up from \$5.6 billion in the same quarter a year earlier.

"The banking system still has many problems to work through, and we cannot ignore the possibility of more financial market volatility," FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair ac-

knowledgeed. But, she added, "The trends continue to move in the right direction."

The largest banks showed the most improvement. But a majority of institutions posted gains in net income.

In another sign of health, the FDIC's deposit insurance fund, which fell into the red last fall, posted its first improvement in two years. Its deficit shrank by \$145 million to \$20.7 billion.

The amount of money that banks set aside to cover future losses dipped nearly 17 percent from a year earlier. Losses taken on loans that banks don't expect to be repaid were up 38 percent from a year earlier.

Merkel calls for tough steps on regulation

BERLIN, Germany (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged the world's economic powers to send a "signal of strength" by agreeing to stronger global financial regulation, as markets sagged on doubts about whether European leaders have a handle on their continent's debt crisis.

European stocks and the euro slipped, still unnerved by a unilateral German move to ban some speculative trading practices — a step Merkel's finance minister defended against pointed remarks by other officials that Europe needed to regulate as one.

The trading-practices ban was taken by some as a sign

European leaders are not coordinating their efforts to shore up government finances in the 16-nation eurozone, despite agreeing on a euro750 billion (\$1 trillion) loan backstop for governments in danger of defaulting on debt. That package has given markets respite from fears of immediate collapse, but long-term worries about the European economy continue to depress sentiment.

Britain's stock market slid 1.7 percent, Germany's 2 percent and France's 2.3 percent. Worried Wall Street too, as the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 2.5 percent and the broader Standard & Poors 500 dropped 2.8 percent by

mid-afternoon New York time.

European leaders have admitted they need to strengthen the rules underlying the euro to limit governments' ability to pile up debt, but many analysts are skeptical they have the political will to carry through on that. Meanwhile, severe cutbacks to reduce debt in heavily indebted Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland will weigh on growth there for years.

Merkel has stepped up calls for tighter regulation of the financial sector as Germany and its European Union partners push through the rescue package, which is unpopular in Germany.

Stocks tumble as euro drops, jobless claims rise

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — Stocks plunged again yesterday as more investors woke up to the possibility that economic problems such as Europe's debt crisis might spread around the world and stop the growing recovery in the U.S.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 230 points in early afternoon and all the major indexes were down more than 2 percent. Meanwhile, interest rates fell sharply in the Treasury market as investors once again sought the safety of U.S. government debt.

With yesterday's drop, the Standard & Poor's 500 is down more than 10 percent from its 2010 trading high last month.

Such a drop is considered by most analysts to be a "correction" in the market.

The market's slide over the past four weeks on worries about the global economy has been a painful reminder of the turbulent days during the 2008 financial crisis. On April 26, the Dow closed at 11,205.03, its highest point since the market hit bottom on March 9, 2009. Since then, it has fallen nearly 1,000 points. It has fallen in triple digits in nine of the 18 trading days since its peak.

Analysts said there was no big event to set off yesterday's selling. More investors seemed to be grasping the possibility that the U.S. recovery could be

in jeopardy. And many were realizing that the stock market's big rebound since March 2009 may not have been justified.

Investors are concerned that the debt problems in European nations like Greece and Portugal will spill over to other countries, cause a cascade of massive losses for big banks and in turn halt the economic recovery in countries beyond Europe, including the U.S. They're also worried that China might take steps that will limit its economic growth, which would also affect the U.S. recovery. Analysts said the market is vulnerable to rumors about any of the major economies right now.

Oil plunges 8 percent to lowest level in 10 months

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — Oil prices plunged nearly 8 percent yesterday, tumbling to their lowest level in 10 months as concerns over the European economy sent traders rushing out of oil investments.

"Fear has obviously gripped the market, and we're trading accordingly," analyst and trader Stephen Schork said.

Benchmark crude for June delivery lost \$5.34 at \$64.53 a barrel on the contract's final trading day on the New York Mercantile Exchange. If that holds, it'll be the sharpest one-day drop since April 2009. Prices tumbled as low as \$64.24 earlier in the day, the lowest price for oil since July.

Most of the trading already has moved to the July contract, which lost \$3.52 at \$68.96 a barrel.



Photo shows traders working in the oil options pit on the floor of the New York Mercantile Exchange in New York City. Oil fell below \$68 a barrel yesterday to its lowest price in nearly eight months, under pressure from concern that the euro zone debt crisis will cut both risk appetite and demand for oil.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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WEDNESDAY'S Crossword Answer

PUZZLE 37

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RIVERSTIDE DRIVE INDUCT
ONE TRIERS EMMET ROE
TENT VALE SNEAD BON
SAGA ANY LONE CROPS
REGLINE CLOUT CHINS
TINA FRATS HISS
ALIVE SEKS PLANKTON
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Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

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State dinner crashers stopped near White House

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The limo driver ran through a red light around 8 p.m., just blocks from the White House and was stopped by a uniformed Secret Service officer, according to Secret Service spokesman Edwin Donovan. The driver had signaled to turn into a restricted area near the Ellipse. The attention-hungry

couple was among those in the limo. They were released and went to dinner a few blocks from the White House after the incident. The limo driver was issued an infraction for running the red light.

The Salahis have been under investigation for attending Obama's first state dinner for India's prime minister last November even though they were not on a guest list. It was a huge embarrassment for the White House that the couple got into the dinner uninvited and got close enough to the country's highest officials to

shake hands with Obama in the receiving line and take photos with Vice President Joe Biden, which the couple posted on Facebook.

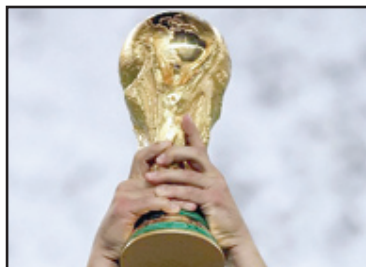
Since November, the White House and Secret Service have refined their security policy for checking guests into such events; the White House social secretary, Desiree Rogers, resigned; officials discovered a third person attended the dinner without being invited; and, according to news reports, the Salahis landed a part on Bravo's reality show, "The Real Housewives of DC."

Wednesday evening, the Salahis popped up at a restaurant a few blocks from the White House with a group of friends, photographers and cameramen.

"They had a great time with their friends," said Athina Balda, marketing manager for Kellari Taverna. "There were a lot of cameras and photographers."

Nov. 24, 2009 file photo, shows Michaela and Tareq Salahi, right, arriving at Obama's first State Dinner at the White House in Washington





Del Bosque unfazed by injuries

Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque admits he has a "slight concern" over his side's walking wounded heading into the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa, but is optimistic they will be fit to start the tournament.

Players such as Fernando Torres and Cesc Fabregas missed the end of the English Premier League season through injuries while Barcelona midfielders Xavi and Andres Iniesta were also struggling with knocks towards the end of the Primera Division campaign. However, the potentially crucial quartet were included in Del Bosque's final 23-man squad for the trip to South Africa and the Spain boss is hopeful any injury concerns will have cleared up in time for the competition. Spain's first match in Group H is against Switzerland on 16 June.

When asked how the affected players were doing at today's squad announcement in Madrid, Del Bosque said: "There is a slight concern but they are here and that's because the reports from the medical staff and physical trainers are positive and we are confident they will be at 100 per cent at the start of tournament."

Also included in Del Bosque's squad were three uncapped players in Victor Valdes, Pedro Rodriguez and Javi Martinez. Goalkeeper Valdes and winger Pedro have played key roles in helping Barcelona win seven trophies over the last 12 months,



while young midfielder Martinez has impressed at Athletic Bilbao.

The seven players who have been cut from Del Bosque's preliminary 30-man squad for South Africa are Villarreal trio Marcos Senna, Santi Cazorla and Diego Lopez, plus strikers Dani Guiza and Alvaro Negredo, as well as youngsters David De Gea and Cesar Azpilicueta.

Senna, Cazorla and Guiza were all members of Spain's UEFA Euro 2008-winning squad and played some part in the final win over Germany. Speaking about the three newcomers, Del Bosque said: "They have had a very good season and they are replacing others who, due to circumstances, have had a worse season, and they are coming in to cover all possibilities."

"We are thinking with the head but the heart also helps," he said. "In relation to the Confederations Cup we have made four changes, and eight with respect to the European Championships. Almost 75

per cent of the squad that were champions of Europe are in the list."

With regards to the players that missed out, Del Bosque admits it was not easy to end the FIFA World Cup dreams of those still hoping to make the final cut. "Of course it's tough to discard the players who were in the first list. (But) now we need to look to the future. These are the best players for us," the former Real Madrid coach said.

Aside from Switzerland, Spain have also been drawn alongside Chile and Honduras in Group H in South Africa.

Goalkeepers: Iker Casillas (Real Madrid), Pepe Reina (Liverpool), Victor Valdes (FC Barcelona).

Defenders: Raul Albiol (Real Madrid), Alvaro Arbeloa (Real Madrid), Joan Capdevila (Villarreal), Carlos Marchena (Valencia), Gerard Pique (Barcelona), Carles Puyol (Barcelona), Sergio Ramos (Real Madrid).

Midfielders: Xabi Alonso (Real Madrid), Sergio Busquets (Barcelona), Cesc Fabregas (Arsenal), Andres Iniesta (Barcelona), Javi Martinez (Athletic Bilbao), David Silva (Valencia), Xavi (Barcelona).

Forwards: Jesus Navas (Sevilla), Juan Mata (Valencia), Pedro (Barcelona), Fernando Llorente (Athletic Bilbao), Fernando Torres (Liverpool), David Villa (Valencia).



French national football team's coach Raymond Domenech (R) arrives in Tignes, French Alps, yesterday, after having spent the night with his team at the top of a glacier. The French national team slept in altitude last night, as part of their altitude training in preparation for the 2010 World cup in South Africa.

Patrice Evra: France 'practically have the best players in the world at every position'

France defender Patrice Evra is in a bullish mood about the prospects of his nation at the World Cup as he insisted they have "the best players in the world".

The Manchester United left back is expected to slot in amongst the superstars in Raymond Domenech's side when they kick off their campaign against Uruguay on June 11.

World-famous names Franck Ribery, Thierry Henry and Yoann Gourcuff will all

lead the charge for the 1998 champions. And speaking to reporters, Evra hailed the quality that runs through the squad.

"We practically have the best players in the world at every position," Evra said.

"That does not make us the best team in the world - not yet anyway."

"We have work to do to become that. But we're going to the World Cup to win."

Raul Albiol: Spain Are Favourites

The Real Madrid defender is full of confidence ahead of the World Cup.

Many consider Spain as the sky high favourites to win the 2010 World Cup after their victory at Euro 2008 and their impressive qualifying campaign. Defender Raul Albiol has admitted that Spain are among the favourites, but emphasised that it will not be easy for La

Furia Roja.

"People are already asking me about the World Cup. Their excitement and hopes are obvious. Everything's changed since we won Euro 2008. We will try to live up to people's hopes and dreams," said Albiol on the Real Madrid website.

"I dream about making it to the final. We will have to work very hard to reach that far. It will be hard, but I think we may make it. I believe Brazil, Argentina and Italy are three of the strongest sides in the championship."

"Spain are favourites, like some of the other teams are. We have to prove this. We must be humble and work hard to win our games. Every Spaniard dreams about winning the World Cup."

Spain will have to deal with Switzerland, Chile and Honduras if they are to survive the group phase.

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Redskins' Shanahan: 'Wait and see' on Moss, doctor

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — Washington Redskins coach Mike Shanahan is taking a "wait and see" approach to reports that receiver Santana Moss is linked to a Canadian doctor charged with smuggling and supplying human growth hormone.

Shanahan said Thursday that he will speak to Moss "at the right time" about the matter and not been contacted by the league.

"Let's just wait and see before we throw him underneath the bus," Shanahan said after speaking at a local Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The Buffalo News reported that Moss has received treatment from Galea and is

the unidentified Washington player mentioned in an affidavit released after Galea was charged on Tuesday. Galea's assistant said the doctor was planning to meet with the Washington player at a Washington-area hotel last September, according to the affidavit.

"Just because he's been associated with a doctor doesn't mean this person's guilty," Shanahan said.

Shanahan said he's talked to "a couple of people" whose names have been associated previously with Galea.

"A lot of people whose names have been associated, there's no repercussions," the coach said. "So we're getting a little ahead of ourselves

right now."

Moss' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, did not return a message seeking comment.

Moss has played five seasons with the Redskins and previous spent four years with the New York Jets. He revealed at minicamp earlier this month that he recently had arthroscopic knee surgery on his left knee to fix a problem that had been bothering him for three years.

"Santana's been out for a while," Shanahan said. "He's been working extremely hard over at the facility. We understand the rules and the guide lines and they're very explicit, so hopefully we do things the right way."

Moss would likely be suspended by the NFL if he is found to have taken human growth hormone or any other banned substance.

"I treat it like a sprained ankle," Shanahan said. "If a player broke their ankle and they're gone for the year, they're gone for the year."

Turner, Wall already in tight competition

CHICAGO — Evan Turner and John Wall could have some explosive matchups when they meet in the NBA. The one playing out at the moment is pretty intense, too.

The Washington Wizards won the draft lottery Tuesday, and now they have a decision to make: Do they take Turner, the national player of the year, or Wall, the dynamic freshman from Kentucky? Or someone else?

The NBA draft is on June 24.

At the NBA combine in Chicago, Turner says Wall is "a great player, young, smart" — but he thinks his versatility could clinch the top pick for him. The 6-foot-7 Turner averaged 20.4 points, 9.2 rebounds and 6 assists while shooting 52 percent from the field for Ohio State last season.

The 6-foot-4 Wall became a highlight reel staple while leading Kentucky to a 35-3 record and the SEC regular-season and conference tournament titles. He averaged 16.6 points and 6.5 assists per game.

Phelps to compete in Paris Open next month

PARIS (AP)—Michael Phelps will be the main attraction at the Paris Open next month.

Organizers confirmed on their website that the 14-time Olympic gold medalist was entered in the event from June 26-27, along with two-time world champion Cesar Cielo of

Brazil and Olympic 100-meter champion Alain Bernard of France.

Phelps will be paid \$100,000 (\$126,000) for his commitment, according to L'Equipe.

It will be the first time Phelps will compete in France since January 2001, when he swam in a short-course World Cup.

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Armstrong denies doping allegations by Landis



Floyd Landis (right) has been given an incentive to provide information on Lance Armstrong (left)

MIAMI (AP)—Disgraced U.S. cyclist Floyd Landis revealed new cheating allegations in a series of messages to sponsors and officials, alleging that former teammate Lance Armstrong not only

joined him in doping but taught others how to beat the system and paid an official to keep a failed test quiet.

Landis admitted for the first time what had long been suspected—that he was

guilty of doping for several years before being stripped of his 2006 Tour de France title.

His fresh accusations, contained in e-mails sent last month, prompted Armstrong to hold an impromptu press conference on Thursday before he began the fifth stage of the Tour of California in Visalia.

"If you said, 'Give me one word to sum this all up,' credibility," the seven-time Tour de France winner said. "Floyd lost his credibility a long time ago.

"We have nothing to hide. We have nothing to run from," said Armstrong, who later quit the race after crashing just outside of Visalia, California.

Though Landis lost his title, he denied cheating until now, and his recent e-mails detail his blood doping.

"I want to clear my conscience," Landis told ESPN.com. "I don't want to be part of the problem any more."

He claims that Armstrong and longtime coach Johan Bruyneel paid an International Cycling Union official to cover-up a test in 2002 after Armstrong purportedly tested positive for the blood-boosting drug EPO. The UCI, however, denied changing or concealing

a positive test result.

In an e-mail Landis sent to USA Cycling chief Steve Johnson, he said Armstrong's positive EPO test was in 2002, around the time he won the Tour de Suisse. Armstrong won the Tour de Suisse in 2001 and did not compete in 2002.

Landis also implicated other cyclists, including longtime Armstrong confidant George Hincapie and Olympic medalist Levi Leipheimer—both Americans — and acknowledged using human growth hormone starting in 2003. The Wall Street Journal reported

another e-mail from Landis also linked another top American racer, Dave Zabriskie, to doping.

Hincapie said he was "really disappointed" by the allegations. Jim Ochowicz, a former top USA Cycling official—who was also implicated by Landis — defended himself and Hincapie.

"These allegations are not true, absolutely unfounded and unproven," said Ochowicz, now the president of BMC Racing, Hincapie's current team. "This is disappointing to anyone who works in the sport or is a fan of the sport."

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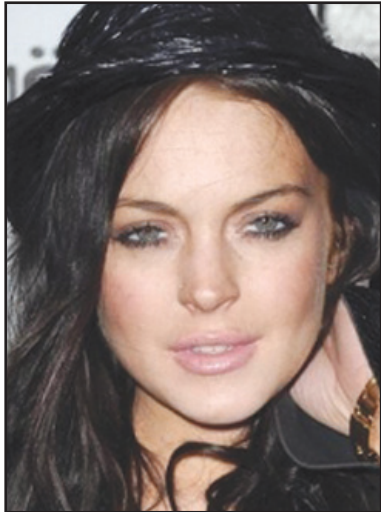
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Judge issues warrant for Lindsay Lohan's arrest



BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A judge issued a warrant Thursday for Lindsay Lohan's arrest after the actress missed a mandatory hearing, and authorities say she could be arrested at the airport when she returns from the Cannes Film Festival. Bail was set at \$100,000.

Lohan didn't seem too worried Thursday morning. The 23-year-old actress was partying on a yacht in the French Riviera until the wee hours, says celebrity photographer Phil Ramey, who posted the photos on his website tinselclown.com.

Lohan was due in court for a progress report on her probation stemming from two arrests in 2007. Her attorney,

Shawn Chapman Holley, said Lohan's passport was stolen while in Cannes and she was unable to return to Los Angeles in time for Thursday's hearing.

"She did, in fact, have airline tickets," Holley told the judge. "From our standpoint, there is a valid reason for her not being here today."

Holley said Lohan would be back in the United States by Friday evening. Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel wasn't satisfied, saying the star has a history of missing scheduled appointments.

"If she wanted to be here, it looks to the court that she could have been here," Revel said.

The judge revoked Lohan's probation, issued the arrest warrant and imposed several conditions should Lohan make bail. She will be prohibited from drinking any alcohol, required to wear an alcohol-monitoring bracelet and submit to random weekly drug testing.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said outside the courthouse Thursday that Lohan could be arrested upon her return from France.

Picasso nabbed in \$123 million Paris museum heist

PARIS — A broken alarm system made it as easy as 1-2-3: A masked intruder clipped a padlock, smashed a window and stole a Picasso, a Matisse and three other masterpieces from a Paris museum Thursday — a \$123 million haul that is one of the world's biggest art heists.

Offloading the artwork may prove a tougher task, however, with Interpol and collectors worldwide now on high alert.

In what seemed like an art thief's fantasy, the alarm system had been broken since March in parts of the Paris Museum of Modern Art, according to the city's mayor, Bertrand Delanoë.

The museum, in a tony neighborhood across the Seine River from the Eiffel Tower, reopened in 2006 after spending \$18 million (euro15 million) and two years upgrading its security system. Spare parts had been ordered to fix the alarm but had not yet arrived, the mayor said in a statement.

So with no alarm to worry about, a lone masked intruder entered the museum about 3:50 a.m., said Christophe Girard, deputy culture secretary at Paris City Hall. The thief cut a padlock on a gate, then broke a side window and climbed inside — his movements caught on one of the museum's functioning cameras, according to the Paris prosecutor's office.

The intruder later slipped back out, carrying the canvases and leaving behind empty frames. The whole thing took 15 minutes, a police official said.

Three security guards were on duty overnight, but "they saw nothing," Girard said. A night watchman discovered the theft around 7 a.m.

The stolen works included Picasso's "Le pigeon aux petits-pois" (The Pigeon with the Peas), an ochre-toned Cubist oil painting worth an es-



"Le pigeon aux petits-pois"

timated \$28 million (euro23 million), and "La Pastorale" (Pastoral), a pastel-hued oil painting of nudes on a hillside by Henri Matisse worth about \$17.5 million (euro15 million), Girard said.

Also seized were "La femme a l'éventail" (Woman with a Fan) by Amedeo

Modigliani, "L'olivier pres de l'Estaque" (Olive Tree near Estaque) by Georges Braque and "Nature morte aux chandeliers" (Still Life with Chandeliers) by Fernand Leger.

Estimates of the total value of the paintings varied: The prosecutor's office initially put their worth as high as \$613 million (euro500 million) but later downgraded the figure to about \$111 million (euro90 million). Girard said the total value was about \$123 million (euro100 million).

Picasso is the world's most stolen artist due to his prolific output and the value of his works. The Art Loss Register lists some 550 missing Picasso pieces, including paintings, lithographs, drawings and ceramics, as of 2007.

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